

REMARKS

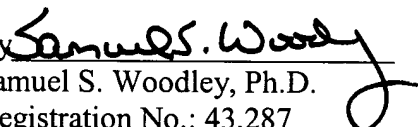
This application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/628,665 filed on July 28, 2000 ("the '665 application"). The '665 application was originally filed with claims 1-43, which were subject to in Restriction Requirement mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 11, 2001 and in connection with the '665 application. ("the '665 Restriction Requirement").

Claims 18-43 are canceled in this amendment, without prejudice or disclaimer. Original claims 1-17 remain pending. These remaining claims correspond to invention Group I in the '665 Restriction Requirement. It is therefore believed that the pending claims all read on a single invention group and that no further restriction is necessary.

An early and favorable examination of the amended claims is requested.

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